

## **MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sevier River Water Users, Inc. held at the Sevier County Courthouse, Richfield, Utah, Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.

Due, legal and timely notice having been given as required by law and the Order of the Board.

**There were present the following Officers and Directors:**

**PRESENT:**

Ivan Cowley, President-Sevier County  
Kurt Sorenson, Vice President-Sevier County  
Clyde L. Bunker, Director-Millard County  
Afton Blood, Director-Piute County  
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County  
Blaine Ipson-Millard County  
Delin Roundy-Garfield County  
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

**ABSENT:**

None

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ray Owens, Sevier River Commissioner  
Jim Walker, Sevier River Commissioner  
Lee Sim, Division of Water Rights  
Kirk Forbush, Division of Water Rights  
Terry Monroe, Division of Water Rights  
Gertrudys Adkins, Division of Water Rights  
John Larsen, Division of Water Rights  
Brett Berger, Stonefly Technologies

The meeting was called to order by President Ivan Cowley who presided at the meeting. Clyde Bunker gave the opening prayer.

Minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2003 were read and discussed. Minutes of the meeting held February 6, 2003 were read and discussed. Blaine Ipson moved to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Russell Christensen and passed unanimously.

Time was given to Commissioner Walker to report on the current water rights status on the lower Sevier River. Sevier Bridge Reservoir is at 38.35 as of January 21, 2004, which is 33,279 a.f. Of this, 31,227 a.f. is new storage. The snow pack is at 103%. Last years average inflow as of January 23, 2003 was 164 cfs. This year the average flow has been 139 cfs. In 2003, the primary averaged 50%. In 2002 the primary average 49%. We have taken over the Sigurd station from the USGS. Jim wants a recorder in the Gunnison station with a separate float. Jim will talk to Jeff Phillips from

the Salt Lake office of the USGS about putting in the recorder.

Commissioner Owens handed out a report showing the storage amounts of the reservoirs. . The snow pack is up from last year but has been dropping in the last couple of weeks. The SWSI in the upper Sevier basin is .94 with the lower zone at .36. The flows on the major stations are lower than average. Ray discussed some of the complaints regarding on of the deputy commissioners.

There was a discussion regarding the situation regarding the cooperative arrangements on the gauging stations. Lee agreed to follow through and report at next meeting.

The board reviewed the 2003 financial statements regarding the "TOP" grant fund as prepared by the Secretary. Lee discussed the 2003 Receipts and Expenditures report. It was noted that the cash balance had dropped from 44,555.11 to 32,201.11 last year. Delinquent assessments total \$9,652.05.

Brett Berger talked bout needing \$40,000 from four different organizations. The money would be used to lobby the Bureau of Reclamation to create a line item on their budget for work on the real-time system. After discussion, Clyde Bunker moved to budget and assess for \$10,000 to be used for the proposed lobbyist. Upon a second from Russ Christensen, the motion was approved.

The board discussed the budget need for the upcoming season. Clyde Bunker moved to hire Vern Robison as a deputy commissioner with a thank you letter being sent to Merl Prince. The motion was seconded by Delin Roundy and passed unanimously. Russell Christensen moved to give the Commissioners a raise of 2.5%. The motion was seconded by Blaine Ipson and passed unanimously. Clyde Bunker moved that the budget be set at 210,034 with the assessment set at 225,000. The motion was seconded by Delin Roundy and passed unanimously.

Brett Berger gave a report on the real-time system. A new generator has been purchased and upgrades to the security of the realtime system have been made.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 5 at 11:00 a.m. with the annual meeting being scheduled at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary**

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**President**